

U.S. Supreme Court to hear same-sex marriage cases

CHICAGO - Today, U.S. Representative Mike Quigley (IL-05) issued the following statement in response to the Supreme Court's decision to hear two cases dealing with the issue of same-sex marriage:



Rep. Mike Quigley (IL-05) launches support for the NO H8 Campaign for LGBT equality earlier this year

"The Supreme Court's decision to take up the issue of same-sex marriage is a major step forward for lesbian and gay Americans who have long fought for their constitutional right to fairness and equality. The Defense of Marriage Act is an affront to our country's values of 'life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,' and I hope the Supreme Court will rule against this unjust

legislation so that all Americans can be assured the same civil rights under the law.”

As a member of the Congressional Equality Caucus, Rep. Quigley has been a tireless [advocate for the LGBT community](#)

. In 2011, Rep. Quigley hosted a [DOMA field forum](#)

to investigate the negative impacts of the Defense of Marriage Act on individuals and families in Chicago. He is a

[co-sponsor of the Respect for Marriage Act](#)

, which would ensure that all couples are treated fairly under federal law. Recently, Rep.

Quigley called on the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to reexamine its

[antiquated blood donation policy](#)

that places a lifetime ban on men who have sex with men (MSM) from donating. He has also offered legislation that would

[expand the Violence Against Women Act to include the LGBT community](#)

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